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Bison spread as Native American tribes reclaim stewardship



Bison, also known as buffalo, walk in a herd inside a corral at Badlands National Park, on Oct. 13, 2022, near Wall, S.D.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky, File)

By MATTHEW BROWN

Associated Press

BADLANDS NATIONAL PARK, S.D. (AP) —

Perched atop a fence at Badlands National Park, Troy Heinert peered from beneath his wide-brimmed hat into a corral where 100 wild bison awaited transfer to the Rosebud Indian Reservation.

Descendants of bison that once roamed North America's Great Plains by the tens of millions, the animals would soon thunder up a chute, take a truck ride across South Dakota and join one of many burgeoning herds Heinert has helped reestablish on Native American lands.

Heinert nodded in satisfaction to a park service employee as the animals stomped their hooves and kicked up dust in the cold wind. He took a brief call from Iowa about another herd being transferred to tribes in Minnesota and Oklahoma, then spoke with a fellow trucker about yet more bison

destined for Wisconsin.

By nightfall, the last of the American bison shipped from Badlands were being unloaded at the Rosebud reservation, where Heinert also lives. The next day, he was on the road back to Badlands to load 200 bison for another tribe, the Cheyenne River Sioux. "Buffalo, they walk in two worlds," said Heinert, 50. "Are they commercial or are they wildlife? From the tribal perspective, we've always deemed them as wildlife, or to take it a step further, as a relative."

Now 82 tribes across the U.S. have more than 20,000 bison in 65 herds — and that's been growing along with the desire among Native Americans to reclaim stewardship of an animal their ancestors depended upon for millennia.

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T.J. Heinert, assistant range manager of Wolakota Buffalo Range near Spring Creek, S.D., inspects the bull bison he harvested on Friday, Oct. 14, 2022.

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European settlers destroyed that balance, driving bison nearly extinct until conservationists including Teddy Roosevelt intervened to re-

establish a small number of herds.

The long-term dream for some Native Americans: return bison on a scale rivaling herds that roamed the continent in numbers that

shaped the landscape itself. Heinert, a South Dakota state senator and director of the InterTribal Buffalo Council, views his job more practically: Get bison to tribes that want them, whether two animals or 200.

"All of these tribes relied on them at some point," he said. "Those tribes are trying to go back to that, reestablishing that connection."

Bison for centuries set rhythms of life for the Lakota and other nomadic tribes. Hides for clothing and teepees, bones for tools and weapons, horns for ladles, hair for rope — a steady supply of bison was fundamental.

At so-called "buffalo

jumps," herds would be run off cliffs, then butchered over days and weeks. European settlers brought a new level of industry to the enterprise — and bison killing dramatically increased, their parts used in machinery, fertilizer and clothing. By 1889, only about 1,000 remained.

"We wanted to populate the western half of the United States because there were so many people in the East," U.S. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, the first Native American cabinet member, said in an interview. "They wanted all of the Indians dead so they could take their land away."

The thinking at the time, she added, was "'if we kill off the buffalo, the Indians will die. They won't have anything to eat.'"

The day after the bison transfer from the Badlands, Heinert's son T.J. had his rifle fixed on a large bull bison at the Wolakota Buffalo Range. The tribal enterprise in just two years has restored about 1,000 bison to 28,000 acres (11,300 hectares) of rolling, scrub-covered hills near the Nebraska-South Dakota border.

The 28-year-old had talked all morning about the need for a perfect shot in 40-mile (64-kilometer) an hour winds. The first bullet went into the animal's ear, but it lumbered away a couple hundred yards to join a larger group of bison, with the hunter following in an all-terrain vehicle.

After the animal finally went down, Heinert drove up close, put the rifle behind its ear for a shot that stopped its thrashing.

"We got him down," he said. "That's all that matters."

The Rosebud Sioux are intent on expanding the reservation's herds as a reliable food source.

Others have grander visions: The Blackfeet in Montana and tribes in Alberta want to establish a "trans-boundary herd" ranging over the Canada border

near Glacier National Park. Other tribes propose a "buffalo commons" on federal lands in central Montana where the region's tribes could harvest animals.

"What would it look like to have 30 million buffalo in North America again?" said Cristina Mormorunni, a Métis Indian who's worked with the Blackfeet to restore bison.

Haaland said there's no going back completely — too many fences and houses. But her agency has emerged as a primary bison source, transferring more than 20,000 to tribes and tribal organizations over 20 years.

Transfers sometimes draw objections from cattle ranchers who worry bison carry disease and compete for grass. Yet demand from the tribes is growing, and Haaland said the transfers will continue. That includes about 1,000 bison trucked this year from Badlands, Grand Canyon National Park and several national wildlife refuges.

Back at Wolakota range, Heinert sprinkled chewing tobacco along the back of the bison he'd just shot and prayed. Then the half-ton animal was hoisted onto a flatbed truck for the bouncy ride to ranch headquarters.

About 20 adults and children gathered as the bison was lowered onto a tarp.

"This relative gave of itself to us, for our livelihood, our way of life," said tribal elder Duane Hollow Horn Bear.

Soon the tarp was covered with bloody footprints from people butchering the animal. They quartered it, sawing through bone, then sliced meat from the legs, rump, and the animal's huge hump. Children, some only 6, were given knives to cut away skin and fat.

Katrina Fuller, who helped guide the butchering, dreams of training others so the reservation's 20 communities can come to Wolakota for their own harvest. "Maybe not now, but in my lifetime," she said. "That's what I want for everyone." □

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Biden opens holidays, pardons turkeys Chocolate and Chip

By DARLENE SUPERVILLE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Joe Biden continued a 75-year tradition Monday and pardoned a pair of Thanksgiving turkeys named after his favorite flavor of ice cream while cracking jokes about his political party's better-than-expected performance in this month's midterm elections.

"The votes are in, they've been counted and verified," Biden said as he welcomed Chocolate and Chip before hundreds of people gathered on the South Lawn in unseasonably cold weather. "There's no ballot stuffing. There's no fowl play. The only red wave this season's gonna be if German Shepard Commander knocks over the cranberry sauce on our table." Commander is his dog.

Chocolate and Chip, each weighing nearly 50 pounds (22.68 kilograms), were driven up from North Carolina on Saturday and were checked into a room at the Willard hotel near the White House to await their visit with the president and his declaration of their freedom.

The combination of choco-



President Joe Biden pardons Chocolate, the national Thanksgiving turkey, at the White House in Washington, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022.

late and chip is Biden's favorite flavor of ice cream. The president joked at the event that "we could have named them Chips and Science," after the \$280 billion CHIPS and Science Act that Biden championed and signed into law this year.

Before the ceremony, Biden's son Hunter Biden brought his toddler son, Beau, who is almost 3, outside to see the turkeys.

Both gobblers were hatched in July in Monroe,

North Carolina, according to the National Turkey Federation, sponsor of the turkey tradition, which dates to 1947 and President Harry Truman.

The burst of holiday activity at the White House followed a busy weekend personally for Biden and his family, along with midterm elections that saw the president's Democratic Party perform well enough to defy historical trends that forecast huge losses. Democrats will keep control of

the Senate and, although Republicans will control the House when a new Congress is seated in January, Democrats did keep GOP gains in that chamber to a minimum.

The official White House Christmas tree also was being delivered on Monday and the Bidens planned to help serve a Thanksgiving-style dinner on a North Carolina Marine Corps base. Biden and his wife, Jill, were scheduled to leave Washington on Tuesday to con-

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tinued their family tradition of spending the Thanksgiving holiday on the Massachusetts island of Nantucket.

They hosted the wedding of their granddaughter, Naomi Biden, at the White House on Saturday, followed by a family brunch on Sunday for the president's 80th birthday.

Humor aside, the president ended Monday's event on a serious note, encouraging people to get their COVID-19 vaccines to ensure a healthy holiday season. He also encouraged Americans to reflect and "be grateful for what we have."

"This is a special time in the greatest nation on Earth so let's be thankful," Biden said. Chocolate, and an alternate turkey, Chip,

were set to live the rest of their lives on the campus of North Carolina State University. Jill Biden was doing her part to help usher in the holidays by accepting delivery of the official White House Christmas tree.

The 18 foot- (5.5 meters) -tall Concolor fir grown on a farm in Pennsylvania, the state where the first lady grew up, will fill up the Blue Room after a chandelier is temporarily removed so the tree can be anchored in place for safety. □

Georgia appeals ruling on Saturday early voting for runoff

By KATE BRUMBACK

Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Georgia is appealing a judge's ruling that allows counties to offer early voting this coming Saturday in the U.S. Senate runoff election between Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock and Republican Herschel Walker.

Warnock's campaign, along with the Democratic Party of Georgia and the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, sued the state last week, arguing that early voting should be allowed that day. They were challenging guidance from Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger that said state law doesn't allow

early voting on a Saturday if there is a holiday on the Thursday or Friday preceding it.

Thursday is Thanksgiving, and Friday is a state holiday. The Saturday following those two holidays, Nov. 26, is the only possibility for Saturday voting before next month's Senate runoff election between Warnock and Walker.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Thomas Cox on Friday issued an order siding with the Warnock campaign and the Democratic groups. He found that the law cited by the state regarding Saturday voting after a holiday does not apply to a runoff election.

Lawyers for the state on Monday filed an appeal with the Georgia Court of Appeals. They asked the court to immediately stay the lower court ruling.

They argue in a court filing that the ruling was erroneous for procedural reasons but also that Cox was wrong to consider the runoff a separate type of election rather than a continuation of the general election. Warnock and Walker, a former football player, were forced into a Dec. 6 runoff because neither won a majority in the midterm election this month.

Georgia's 2021 election law compressed the time period between the general election and the runoff

to four weeks, and Thanksgiving falls in the middle. Many Georgians will be of-

fered only five weekdays of early in-person voting beginning Nov. 28. □



This combination of photos shows, Sen. Raphael Warnock, D-Ga., speaking to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington, Aug. 3, 2021, left, and Republican Senate candidate Herschel Walker speaking in Perry, Ga., Sept. 25, 2021.

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Feds offer \$1B to keep California's last nuclear plant open

By JENNIFER McDERMOTT
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Biden administration on Monday announced preliminary approval to spend up to \$1.1 billion to help keep California's last operating nuclear power plant running, even as officials turned down a request for financial aid to restart a closed nuclear plant in Michigan.

The Energy Department said it was creating a path forward for the Diablo Canyon Power Plant on California's central coast to remain open, with final terms to be negotiated and finalized. The plant, which had been scheduled to close by 2025, was chosen in the first round of funding for the administration's new civil nuclear credit program, intended to bail out financially distressed owners or operators of nuclear power reactors. The program is part of Biden's effort to cut planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030, compared with 2005 levels.

"This is a critical step toward ensuring that our domestic nuclear fleet will continue providing reliable and affordable power to Americans as the nation's largest source of clean electricity,"



One of Pacific Gas & Electric's Diablo Canyon Power Plant's nuclear reactors in Avila Beach, Calif., is viewed Nov. 3, 2008.

Energy Secretary Jennifer Granholm said in a statement. Approval of the funding came as the Energy Department turned down a request by the Palisades nuclear plant for funding to restart operations. The plant along Lake Michigan was shut down last spring after generating electricity for more than 50 years. Granholm served two terms as Michigan governor before becoming Energy secretary. A spokeswoman said Monday that Granholm's tenure as governor played no role in the decision on the Palisades plant. Michigan's Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer

had brought together a coalition to develop a plan that would have reopened a non-operational nuclear plant for the first time in U.S. history. Despite the temporary setback, Whitmer "will continue competing to bring home transformational projects creating thousands of good-paying jobs to our state in autos, chips, batteries, and clean energy," said spokesman Bobby Leddy.

Palisades owner Holtec International said they fully understood that attempting to restart a shuttered nuclear plant would be both a challenge and a first for the nuclear industry.

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The Biden administration launched the \$6 billion effort in April to rescue nuclear power plants at risk of closing, citing the need to continue nuclear energy as a carbon-free source of power that helps to combat climate change. Nuclear power provides about 20% of electricity in the U.S., or about half the nation's carbon-free energy. The bailout program is the largest federal investment in saving financially distressed nuclear reactors. Most U.S. nuclear plants were built between 1970 and 1990, and costs to operate the aging fleet are increasing. There are 53

commercial nuclear power plants with 92 nuclear reactors in 28 U.S. states.

PG&E, which operates Diablo Canyon, said the federal funds would be used to pay back a loan from the state of California to support extending operations at the plant and lower costs for customers. PG&E spokesperson Suzanne Hosn said there are still additional federal and state approvals required to renew the plant's license and to operate past 2025.

PG&E is taking actions to seek re-licensing while also continuing to plan for the eventual decommissioning of the plant, Hosn said. The seaside plant located midway between Los Angeles and San Francisco produces 9% of the state's electricity. California Gov. Gavin Newsom has said continued operation of Diablo Canyon beyond 2025 is "critical to ensure statewide energy system reliability" as climate change stresses the energy system. Newsom signed legislation in September to open the way for the plant to operate for an additional five years, a move he said was needed to ward off possible blackouts as the state transitions to solar, wind and other renewable energy sources. □

Biden sending federal aid as N.Y. digs out from huge snowstorm

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — President Joe Biden is sending federal aid to western New York to help state and local authorities clean up from the massive storm that dumped as much as 6 feet (1.8 meters) of snow in western and northern New York, the White House announced Monday.

The emergency declaration authorizes the Department of Homeland Security and the Federal Emergency Management Agency to coordinate disaster relief in 11 counties hit by the lake-effect snowstorm Friday and Saturday.

New York Gov. Kathy Hochul thanked Biden for

granting her request for emergency aid, and added in a news release, "My

team and I will continue working around the clock to keep everyone safe,



Cars drive through blowing, drifting snow on McKinley Parkway in Hamburg in Erie County, N.Y., Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.

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help communities dig out, and secure every last dollar to help rebuild and recover from this unprecedented, record-shattering historic winter storm."

The National Weather Service recorded 77 inches (196 centimeters) by Saturday in Orchard Park, home to the NFL's Buffalo Bills, and 72 inches (183 centimeters) in Natural Bridge, a hamlet near Watertown off the eastern end of Lake Ontario. The storm forced the Bills to move Sunday's game against the Cleveland Browns to Detroit. The Bills won 31-23.

More snow fell overnight Sunday in some areas, but

it stopped by daybreak Monday. "We are finally dry," weather service meteorologist Liz Jurkowski said. A driving ban had been lifted for most areas affected by the storm by Monday morning, but schools remained closed in Buffalo and nearby towns. The snowstorm was at least the worst in New York state since November 2014, when some communities south of Buffalo were hit with 7 feet (2.13 meters) of snow over the course of three days.

Jurkowski said snowfall totals for this storm were still being tabulated Monday. □

North Korea calls UN's Guterres 'puppet of US' after launch

By HYUNG-JIN KIM

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) —

North Korea's foreign minister called U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres "a puppet of the United States" as she slammed the U.N. chief for joining U.S.-led condemnation of the North's recent intercontinental ballistic missile test.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres earlier issued a statement strongly condemning North Korea's ICBM launch on Friday and reiterating his call on the North to "to immediately desist from taking any further provocative actions."

Guterres's statement came after the United States and other countries issued similar criticism of the North's ICBM test that showed a potential to strike anywhere in the continental U.S.

"I often take the U.N. secretary-general for a member of the U.S. White House or its State Department," North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui said in a statement carried by state media. "I express my strong regret over the fact that the U.N. secretary-general has taken a very deplorable attitude, oblivious of the purpose and principles of the U.N. Charter and its proper mission which is to maintain impartiality, objectivity and equity in all matters."



United Nations Secretary General Antonio Guterres speaks ahead of the G20 Summit in Bali, Indonesia on Nov. 14, 2022.

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Choe accused Guterres of overlooking the U.S. and its allies taking the North's ICBM test to the U.N. Security Council, saying that "This clearly proves that he is a puppet of the U.S."

The U.N. Security Council scheduled an emergency meeting for Monday morning on North Korea's ICBM launch at Japan's request. But it's unclear if it can impose new economic sanctions on North Korea because China and Russia, two of the council's veto-wielding members, have opposed the previous U.S.

and its allies' moves to toughen sanctions on the North over its banned tests of ballistic missiles earlier this year. On Sunday, top diplomats from the world's major industrialized democracies issued a joint statement calling for strong steps by the U.N. Security Council in reaction to the North Korean missile launch.

"(North Korea's) actions demand a united and robust response by the international community, including the need for further significant measures to be taken by the U.N. Secu-

rity Council," said the statement by foreign ministers from the Group of Seven nations Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Friday's ICBM launch was the latest in North Korea's ongoing torrid run of missile tests that experts say are meant to boost its nuclear capability and increase its leverage in future diplomacy.

North Korea said leader Kim Jong Un observed Friday's launch of its Hwasong-17 missile and called it another

er "reliable and maximum-capacity" weapon to contain U.S. military threats. Some experts say the Hwasong-17 is still under development but it's the North's longest-range missile and is designed to carry several nuclear warheads to overcome U.S. missile defense systems.

North Korea has argued its testing activities are a warning to the United States and South Korea over their series of military drills that the North believes were an invasion rehearsal. Washington and Seoul have maintained their exercises are defensive in nature.

In her statement Monday, Choe again defended her country's missile tests, calling them "legitimate and just exercise of the right to self-defense" against "provocative nuclear war rehearsals" by the United States and its allies.

She said it's "most amazing and deplorable to me" as Guterres still blamed North Korea for a recent flare-up in tensions on the Korean Peninsula, not the United States.

A day before her country's ICBM test, Choe threatened to threaten to launch "fiercer" military responses to steps by the U.S. to bolster its security commitment to South Korea and Japan. □

Canada sanctions ex-Haiti president and prime ministers

DJERBA, Tunisia (AP) — Canada has expanded its economic sanctions freezing the Canadian assets of Haitian political elites to include former president Michel Martelly and former prime ministers Laurent Lamothe and Jean-Henry Céant.

Foreign Affairs Minister Mélanie Joly accused the trio this weekend of helping gangs undermine Haiti's current government and called on international partners to follow Canada's lead. She made the announcement at a two-day Francophonie summit in Tunisia.

The Caribbean country is paralyzed by gang warfare.

"Our goal is to make sure that these people that are profiting from the violence, that are part of a corrupted system, are facing accountability," she said.

Haitian Foreign Affairs Minister Jean Victor Généus said the new sanctions put real consequences on those causing a "nightmare" in his country.

"These sanctions will have a dissuasive impact," he said in French, while seated Saturday between Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Joly. Haiti's government

has asked for an international military intervention to combat gangs who have strangled access to fuel and critical supplies in the middle of the outbreak. Canadian military intervention in Haiti can't happen unless all political parties in the troubled nation agree to it, Trudeau said Sunday. The country is seeing rising violence and increasingly brazen attacks by Haitian gangs that have grown more powerful since the July 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse. The chaos has spurred on a huge migratory exodus from the island. □



Foreign Minister of Haiti Jean Victor Généus and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, right, take part in a discussion regarding the situation in Haiti on the sidelines of the Francophonie Summit in Djerba, Tunisia, on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022.

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Quake topples houses in Indonesia's Java; at least 162 dead

By FIRMAN TAUFIQ
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Associated Press

CIANJUR, Indonesia (AP)

— A powerful earthquake killed at least 162 people and injured hundreds on Indonesia's main island on Monday. Terrified residents fled into the street, some covered in blood and debris.

Many of the dead were public-school students who had finished their classes for the day and were taking extra lessons at several Islamic schools when they collapsed, West Java Governor Ridwan Kamil said as he announced the new death toll in the remote, rural area.

The toll is expected to rise further, but no estimates were immediately available because of the area's far-flung, rural population. Roughly 175,000 people live in the town of Cianjur, part of a mountainous district of the same name with more than 2.5 million people. Known for their piety, the people of Cianjur live mostly in towns of one- and two-story buildings and in smaller homes in the surrounding countryside.

Kamil said that more than



Workers inspect a store damaged during an earthquake in Cianjur, West Java, Indonesia, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022.

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13,000 people whose homes were heavily damaged were taken to evacuation centers.

Emergency workers treated the injured on stretchers and blankets outside hospitals, on terraces and in parking lots in the Cianjur region, about three hours drive from the capital, Java. The injured, including children, were given oxygen masks and IV lines.

Some were resuscitated. "I fainted. It was very strong," said Hasan, a construction worker who, like many Indonesians, uses one name. "I saw my friends running to escape from the building. But it was too late to get out and I was hit by the wall." Residents, some crying and holding their children, fled damaged homes after the magnitude 5.6 quake shook the region

in West Java province in the late afternoon, at a depth of 10 kilometers (6.2 miles). It also caused panic in the greater Jakarta area, where high-rises swayed and some people evacuated. In many homes in Cianjur, chunks of concrete and roof tiles fell inside bedrooms.

Shopkeeper Dewi Risma was working with customers when the quake hit,

and she ran for the exit.

"The vehicles on the road stopped because the quake was very strong," she said. "I felt it shook three times, but the first one was the strongest one for around 10 seconds. The roof of the shop next to the store I work in had collapsed, and people said two had been hit."

Twenty-five people were still stuck buried in the debris in Cijedil village, National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Abdul Muhari said earlier in the day.

Indonesia's Meteorology, Climatology, and Geophysical Agency recorded at least 25 aftershocks.

"The quake felt so strong. My colleagues and I decided to get out of our office on the ninth floor using the emergency stairs," said Vidi Primadhania, a worker in the capital, where many residents ran into the streets and others hid under desks. The country of more than 270 million people is frequently struck by earthquakes, volcanic eruptions and tsunamis because of its location on the "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. □

Heavy rains in the Balkans cause flooding, killing 6 people

By ERION XHABAFTI
and LLAZAR SEMINI

Associated Press

SHKODER, Albania (AP)

Torrential rains in the Balkans over the past two days led to floods that killed at least six people, prompted

widespread evacuations and caused significant damage, authorities said Monday.

One of the most impacted areas was in northwestern Albania, where thousands of acres of agricultural land

and hundreds of homes were flooded. Authorities evacuated scores of families amid power outages. Early Monday, police divers found the bodies of two missing men, a father and son whose car was washed away Sunday in the village of Boge, some 150 kilometers (90 miles) north of the capital Tirana.

Swollen rivers in Montenegro and parts of Serbia claimed four lives over the weekend. A woman and her two children drowned in Montenegro when their car plunged into a river as it was going over a bridge. In southern Serbia, a 2-year-old boy drowned after falling into a river.

Authorities in the southern Serbian region of Rasika proclaimed a state of

emergency because of the heavy flooding and the army was deployed to help the local population with evacuations and deliveries of drinking water and food. Torrential rain of up to 400 millimeters (14 inches) in 12 hours on Sunday caused the Drini River, the longest in Albania, to overflow its banks by at least 10 centimeters (4 inches), according to the authorities.

At least 3,000 hectares (7,500 acres) of agricultural land was flooded in Shkoder and Lezhe districts, some 100 kilometers (60 miles) northwest of Tirana.

Hundreds of army troops were sent to evacuate families after more than 600 homes were flooded.

"Shkoder is at the moment isolated from the rest of the

country," said Mayor Bardh Spahia.

Farmers, who have repeatedly suffered from floods in the post-communist era, voiced despair at their losses, which included livestock, and asked the government to help.

"We need government assistance because damage from flooding is very, very grave," said Lina Zefi, 60, in Kuc village, less than 10 kilometers (6 miles) from Shkoder. The historic 18th century Lead Mosque in Shkoder was also under water after suffering damage from past floods.

Flooding also affected areas in western Kosovo, causing some damage to buildings and school closures but no reported casualties. □



A man walks through a flooded area in the Kuc village, near Shkoder, in northwestern Albania, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022.

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Methodist Church Aruba Circuit holding silent auction and food fundraiser

ORANJESTAD – The Methodist Church Aruba Circuit has been serving the Aruban community for over 60 years with different programs, like Meals on Wheels, Give Away and other social needs and/or assistance. This Saturday, they will be having a Silent Auction and food fundraiser, the proceeds of which will aid in the continuation of all their programs.

"We have all had to cope with the results that the pandemic of Covid-19 has brought", Michael Faulkner, who is coordinating the auction together with Sue Faulkner, said. "Nevertheless, it didn't close our hearts in serving. To continue serving, we are requesting your participation to help us do what we do best."

The Silent Auction and food fundraiser will take place on Saturday, November 26, from 4pm to 7:30pm at the John Wesley Auditorium, located in Bernhardstraat 29, San Nicolas. The proceeds of the fundraiser will allow them to continue their work.

Some of the items that will be auctioned include autographed items by baseball star Xander Bogaerts, artwork, restaurant gift certificates, and a three-night stay at Lodging Lagoon Studios.

The complete list of items is below.
Xander Bogaerts autographed items jersey, T-shirts and balls.

Artwork
Plaza bookstore by Renier-paintings 4
Steve Francees- beach painting

Clothing, shoes, accessories
Chely's gifts & souvenirs in aruba Beach Club- holiday T-shirts, Aruba T-shirts, assorted items
Fashion Angelo World -GC for 200 florins
Little Ones/ Baby's Palace-spend 100 florins get 25 florins off
Palais Oriental- 2 GC each

worth 100 florins
Shoebaloo- GC for 50 florins
Vip Gift & Souvenirs- assorted bracelets for all, great stocking stuffers
Lobster Bowtie- \$30

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Worth 200 florins. For 10 basic or advanced computer or smartphone use classes with wisdom Learning Edu Consultancy by Jacqueline Woodley, owner

Electronics

Sam's -gc for 75 florins
New Roku Express stick worth \$30
Fishing Fly & Spin fishing by Captain Laurenz van Mook 3 hrs with drinks for 2 worth \$300

Food

Cupcake garden GC for 6 cupcakes in gift box worth -25 florins
Ruth's Cakes- GC for \$50
10 johnny cakes filled with cheese
10 johnny cakes filled with cheese
10 pastries filled with spinach
10 pastries filled with chicken
Snack bag from Casa del Mar mini market - \$50

Home

Curtain Call Window Fashions GC for 100 florins
Flora - 5 GC each worth 50 florins

Graco Pack n'Play, sheets and towel- \$150
Wood Dominoes donated by la moderna
Crystal ashtray and vase
Handmade needlepoint about little boys- \$25
Sankey double burner stainless steel- \$25

Handmade mom and daughter aprons- \$37
2 sets of 2 red sox potholders-each set worth \$12

3 sets of flamingo potholders- each set of 2 worth \$12
Set of 4 deluxe porcelain dessert plates- \$30

8 pottery Christmas ornaments- \$10
Home & Diner- etagere- \$20
mini chopper by Premium- \$20

set of 4 bowls, dessert plates and saucers- \$20
3 men's hankerchiefs- \$10
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Presto electric griddle- \$40
beach bag from Casa del Mar mini market- \$50

Lodging

Lagoona Studios- 3 night stay for 2 people worth \$450

Office Supply, Bookstore

Seasons- 2 gift bags with supplies each worth 60 florins
Dewit & Van Dorp- 3 gc each 50 florins
Friends of God bookstore- 2 gc each worth 15 florins

Paper Goods

All paper goods supplied worth \$300

Personal Care

Aruba Dental- GC for dental whitening worth 450 florins
Bon Salud Chiropractor- 15 minutes in the message chair-\$25
Bon Salud Chiropractor new patient intake appointment-\$167
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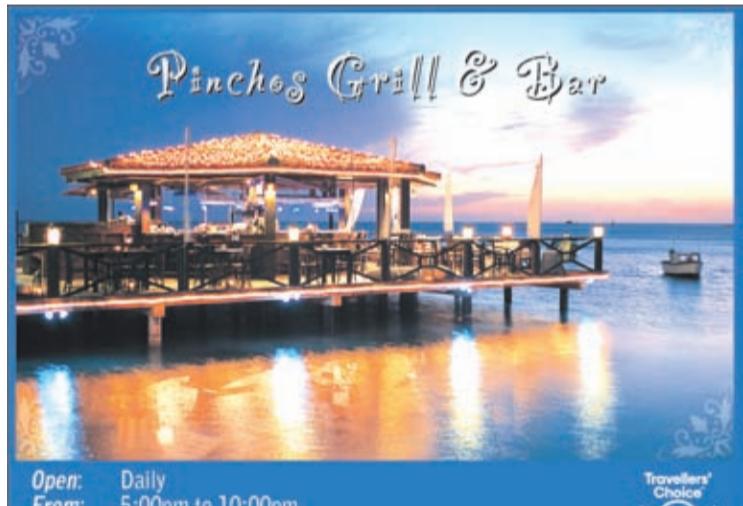
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Restaurants

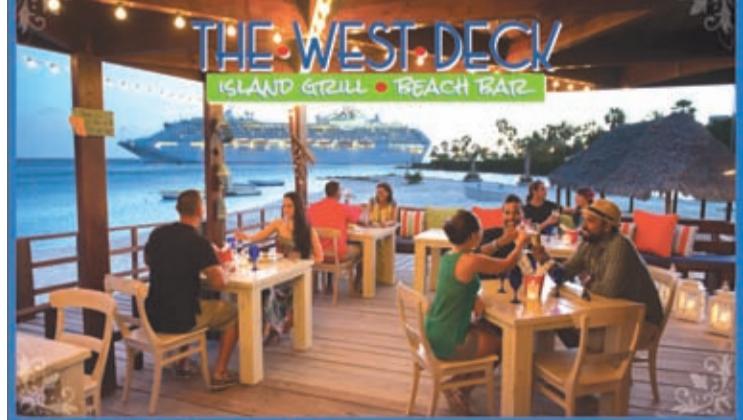
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Aruba hosts the German Caribbean Energy Conference

ORANJESTAD- It is for the fourth consecutive year that Aruba has hosted the annual German-Caribbean Energy Conference", held on November 15, 2022.

Prime Minister Evelyn Wever-Croes welcomed everyone and thanked the organizers for choosing Aruba once more as the host of this conference.

During her speech, the Prime Minister explained that renewable energy and energy efficiency are essential themes for the Caribbean islands, including Aruba. Globally these subjects receive lots of attention in the context of Climate change. For the Small Island Development



States (SIDS) around the world, climate change is essential due to the possible damages this can cause. The Caribbean islands that depend on tourism are vulnerable to climate change, as one hurricane can cause more damage to the yearly GDP of an island like Aruba. For

this reason alone, the best option is to avoid the negative impact of climate change in its totality.

Aruba, just like any other of the SIDS islands, recognizes that they depend on fossil fuels, which price fluctuates and causes uncertainties about the cost of living

and economic growth. This dependency led Aruba to start the journey to reduce carbon emissions.

Aruba must focus on the people during the energy transition and align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. For the energy sector, this is also important, as energy plays a prominent role in

the cost of living.

"Aruba is committed to keeping working to mitigate climate change effects. All changes happen from within, but only if all islands and nations stand united, we can win this battle against climate change," the Prime Minister said. □



MoU zero-emission vehicles



ORANJESTAD - The government of Aruba, through the Ministry of Economic Affairs and the Ministry of Nature, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding calling for 30% of all medium and heavy commercial vehicles in Aruba to be zero-emission by the year 2030.

The Dutch Government and CALSTART lead this initiative with its Global Commercial Vehicle Drive to Zero. The objective is to accelerate the zero-emission market, especially in the medium and heavy-duty commercial vehicles market. These will be additional steps towards more sustainable practices in Aruba.

As residents on a small and arid island, the community is aware of the impact of

the climate on our daily lives and future. Nonetheless, we build it despite our struggles and vulnerabilities by establishing high ambitions and standards.

Aruba has demonstrated to be supportive of a collective impact when dealing with modernizations and adaptations of sustainable practices, which prove fruitful for everyone who adopts these in Aruba. Aruba remains in the leadership position in the region in different aspects like tourism and sustainability.

With this MoU, the government hopes to reach 100% zero-emission vehicles in Aruba by 2040.

This MoU fortifies Aruba's commitment to a more sustainable future. □

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Another Treasure of Aruba's Beaches: Sea Glass!

NOORD - It is hard to imagine this happening today, but years ago people dumped all kinds of refuse straight into the ocean, including old cars, and their household garbage, which of course included lots of glass. Over the next 30 years the pounding waves cleaned the beach, by breaking down everything but glass and pottery. The pounding waves washed the trash up and down, back and forth. Tons of polished, broken glass pieces were created by the pounding surf. These smoothed, colored glass particles then settled along the sea shore in millions, and that is why you can find these beautiful and colorful pieces on the north shore beaches of Aruba.

Especially on the strip on white sand between the famous Natural Bridge" and the huge red anchor close to "Grapefield" beach you will be able to find your own pieces of sea glass. The sea glass that was created is the product of a very long



and interesting process. It can take anywhere from 10 to 30 years to make sea glass. The name for any piece of glass that finds its way to the ocean and tumbles around in the water long enough is "Sea glass."

The colorful pieces of glass are being used for decoration, handcrafts and jewelry!

Once glass makes its way into the ocean, the glass is broken up into shards and is tumbled around in the water, where sand and other rocks act like sandpaper to smooth out its rough edges. Sometimes as the sea glass is passed through fire, it becomes fire glass, the rarest of sea glass with certain inclusions, just like precious gems.

For years, the water beat against the different kinds of trash being dumped. Glass, household appliances and even motor parts were discarded on the beach. The waves and weather conditions wore down the overwhelming amount of garbage in the water, creating millions of beautiful smooth rocks.

It's hard to believe the short-sighted mistakes we were making that could have potentially ruined

these beautiful beaches. But thanks to natural processes, the ocean transformed the trash into the sea glass.

Each colored gem on the beach has its own story.

The ruby red glass stones are typically from old car tail-lights.

Then, the sapphire rocks are the remnants of broken apothecary bottles. The most common and the easiest to find are the brown (Amstel & Polar beer), green (Heineken & Balashi beer) and clear glass which are the soft much loved "soft drink" bottles.

If you like to see the sea glass for yourself, and be in awe of the power of nature, rent a car or jeep and go explore our deserted beaches on the north side of the island. Make it a fun family day!

Even if we didn't mean to pollute the Beaches how we did, it is inspiring to see just how the earth can correct our mistakes.

Funny, how trash can change into treasures!

Everybody knows that you are not allowed to take local shells home, but the



people working at the airport have no problem you taking sea glass home. A few of those pieces make great souvenirs. You can place them in a wine glass

or large bottle for decoration and every time you look at it a smile will light up your face thinking back of your unforgettable Aruba vacation! □

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Consumer Price Index, base period June 2019 October 2022

The Central Bureau of Statistics presents the most important findings for the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of October 2022.

Consumer Price Index for the month of October 2022

The CPI for October 2022 is 106.30, an increase of 0.1% compared to the index of September 2022 (106.20) and accumulating an increase of 5.7% up to and including October of this year.

The percentage change of the CPI over the last twelve (12) months (October 2021 to October 2022) is 7.0, an increase of 4.6 percentage points (ppts) compared to the percentage change for the same period of last year (2.4%).

The period average (last 24 months) percentage

change of the CPI for the periods October 2020 to October 2021 and October 2021 to October 2022 is 5.1%, an increase of 5.4 ppts compared to the period average percentage change over the periods October 2019 to October 2020 and October 2020 to October 2021 (-0.3%).

During this month, four (4) of the twelve (12) sectors registered increases in prices. The increases that had the greatest influence on the CPI were registered for the "Recreation and culture" (2.8%) and "Household operation" (2.8%) sectors, which contributed with an effect of 0.26 and 0.25 ppts, respectively. The increases in the remaining sectors had an effect of 0.12 ppts on the CPI of October 2022. Aforementioned increases were partially offset mainly by decreases in the indices for the "Transport" (-1.6%)

and "Clothing and footwear" (-5.8%) sectors, causing an effect of -0.23 and -0.15 ppts, respectively. The decreases in the remaining sectors had an effect of -0.16 ppts on the CPI of October 2022.

The increase in the "Recreation and culture" sector was mainly due to an increase in the category "Holidays" (11.6%), which contributed to an effect of 0.30 ppts. The increase in the "Household operation" sector was mainly due to an increase of 21.9% in the category "Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings", which contributed to an effect of 0.20 ppts.

The decrease in the "Transport" sector was mainly due to a decrease in the category "Operation of personal transport equipment" (-2.6%), which con-

tributed to an effect of -0.22 ppts. The decrease in the "Clothing and footwear" sector was mainly due to a decrease of 6.6% in the category "Clothing", which contributed to an effect of -0.13 ppts.

Consumption basket

The consumption basket of the CPI consists of 408 goods and services. Compared to September 2022, 49.0% of these products had an increase in price, causing an effect of 1.14 ppts, while 32.8% showed a decrease, contributing to an effect of -1.05 ppts and the remaining 18.1% had no change in price. The prices of goods decreased by 0.3% and caused an influence of -0.20 ppts. The prices of services increased by 0.7% and had an influence of 0.29 ppts on the CPI of October 2022.

Core inflation

The CPIC (core inflation) - CPI excluding the effect of energy and food – was 2.9% in October 2022. The energy index - which consists of the products: electricity, water, gasoline and diesel – was 12.8%. The food index showed an increase of 9.0%.

Subsistence level

The subsistence level for a household consisting of two (2) adults and two (2) children (aged 0-14 years) in October 2022 is Afl. 5,311, an increase of Afl. 457 compared to October 2021 (Afl. 4,854). The subsistence level for a single adult household

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CPI	(BASE JUN 2019 = 100)	
Index	↑ 106.30	
Monthly	↑ 0.1	
Year-to-date	↑ 5.7	
End of period	↑ 7.0	
Period average	↑ 5.1	
Goods	↓ -0.3	
Services	↑ 0.7	
CPIC (based on period average inflation)		
CPIC	↑ 2.9	
Energy	↑ 12.8	
Food	↑ 9.0	
SUBSISTENCE LEVEL in AFL		
1 adult	↑ 2,529	
2 adults + 2 children	↑ 5,311	

CPIC: CPI excluding the effect of energy and food.
Energy: Electricity, water, gasoline and diesel.
SUBSISTENCE LEVEL: The minimum level of income which is perceived necessary to achieve an adequate standard of living.

is Afl. 2,529, an increase of Afl. 218 compared to October 2021 (Afl. 2,311).

Change in prices of crude oil, utilities, gasoline and diesel in October 2022

The prices of utilities (electricity and water), gasoline and diesel are for the greater part determined by international crude oil prices. In October 2022 the average price per barrel of crude oil (US\$ 87.61) had an increase of US\$ 2.24 (2.6%) compared to September 2022 (US\$ 85.37).

The prices of electricity and water did not change compared to September 2022. Subsequently, the average electricity price per household remained at Afl. 294.56, while the average price of water per household remained at Afl. 168.73.

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Table 2 Percentage change by sector

Sector	Weight coefficient	Percentage changes					
		Effect Sep - Oct	Monthly Sep - Oct	Year-to-date Dec - Oct	End of period Oct 21 - Oct 22	Period average Oct 21 - Oct 22	
CPI	10,000.0	0.09	0.1	5.7	7.0	5.1	
01. Food and non-alcoholic beverages	1,087.7	0.11	1.0	10.7	12.8	8.6	
02. Alcoholic beverages and tobacco	78.2	0.00	0.5	3.9	5.3	3.6	
03. Clothing and footwear	276.8	-0.15	-5.8	-3.2	-3.8	5.0	
04. Housing	2,522.2	-0.06	-0.2	11.4	11.6	3.2	
05. Household operation	929.2	0.25	2.8	0.9	6.7	3.9	
06. Health	223.1	-0.08	-3.9	0.8	0.7	0.0	
07. Transport	1,257.4	-0.23	-1.6	11.3	12.3	17.1	
08. Communications	849.6	-0.01	-0.1	-1.3	-1.8	-1.4	
09. Recreation and culture	1,013.3	0.26	2.8	-0.2	2.9	2.4	
10. Education	98.0	0.00	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	
11. Restaurants and hotels	442.0	0.00	-0.1	5.1	6.1	4.7	
12. Miscellaneous goods and services	1,222.6	-0.01	-0.1	0.4	1.3	2.0	

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 1 Overview percentage change of the CPI

	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22
Index	99.31	99.90	100.60	100.07	100.44	101.47	102.16	102.49	103.26	104.46	106.43	106.20	106.30
Monthly	0.1	0.6	0.7	-0.5	0.4	1.0	0.7	0.3	0.7	1.2	1.9	-0.2	0.1
Year-to-date	2.3	2.9	3.6	-0.5	-0.2	0.9	1.5	1.9	2.6	3.8	5.8	5.6	5.7
End of period	2.4	3.1	3.6	3.3	3.5	4.0	4.7	5.2	5.3	6.0	7.7	7.0	7.0
Period average	-0.3	0.2	0.7	1.2	1.7	2.1	2.6	3.0	3.4	3.7	4.3	4.7	5.1
Goods	-0.7	0.7	1.4	-0.6	0.1	1.6	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.6	3.2	-0.2	-0.3
Services	1.1	0.5	-0.2	-0.5	0.7	0.2	0.5	-0.4	0.0	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.7
CPIC	-0.9	-0.7	-0.3	0.1	0.5	0.8	1.2	1.7	2.0	2.2	2.5	2.7	2.9
Energy	3.4	5.1	6.7	7.5	8.2	8.7	8.8	8.7	9.0	9.5	10.8	11.9	12.8
Food	-1.4	-0.9	-0.3	0.4	1.2	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.1	6.1	7.1	8.0	9.0
1 adult	2,311	2,331	2,337	2,343	2,348	2,372	2,382	2,403	2,414	2,440	2,513	2,528	2,529
2 adults + 2 children	4,854	4,896	4,907	4,920	4,931	4,980	5,003	5,046	5,070	5,124	5,278	5,309	5,311

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Consumer Price Index, base period June 2019 October 2022

Table 3 Categories with the greatest positive effect on the CPI of October 2022

Category	Monthly change	Effect
Holidays	11.6	0.30
Furniture, furnishings, carpets and other floor coverings	21.9	0.20
Food	0.9	0.09
Household appliances	1.7	0.04

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

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In October 2022 the price of gasoline registered a decrease of Afl. 13.10 cents (-4.9%) and had an effect of -0.25 ppts on the CPI. The price of diesel registered a decrease of Afl. 10.50 cents (-3.9%) and had an effect of -0.02 ppt on the CPI of October 2022.

In October 2022, utilities, gasoline and diesel as a group showed a decrease in price of 1.5% compared to September 2022, and had an influence of -0.27 ppts on the CPI, while the remaining 404 goods and services, as a group, show an increase of 0.4% and had an effect of 0.36 ppts on the CPI.

Change in prices of Food & catering services in October 2022

The "Food & catering services" index showed an increase of 0.7% in October 2022, after an increase of 0.5% in September 2022. The index for "Food at home" showed an increase of 1.0% in October, as ten (10) of the eleven (11) "Food at home" indices increased in October 2022. The "Potatoes and other tubers" index registered the largest increase (7.7%) in October 2022. Furthermore, other significant increases were posted in the indices for "Vegetables" (3.3%), "Fish and other seafood" (2.9%), "Oils and fats" (1.9%) and

Table 6 Effect on the CPI of October 2022 of goods and services which are dependent on crude oil prices

Category	Weight	Monthly change	Effect
Electricity	810.2	0.0	0.00
Gasoline	430.5	-4.9	-0.25
Water	367.3	0.0	0.00
Diesel	30.2	-3.9	-0.02
Total group	1,638.1	-1.5	-0.27
Remaining goods and services	8,361.9	0.4	0.36
CPI	10,000.0	0.1	0.09

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 4 Categories with the greatest negative effect on the CPI of October 2022

Category	Monthly change	Effect
Operation of personal transport equipment	-2.6	-0.22
Clothing	-6.6	-0.13
Medical products, appliances and equipment	-5.0	-0.07
Maintenance and repair of the dwelling	-1.1	-0.06

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 7 Percentage change for Food & catering services

	Weight coefficient	Indices			Percentage changes			Effect	
		Oct-21	Sep-22	Oct-22	Aug - Sep	Sep - Oct	Oct 21 - Oct 22	Monthly	End of period
Food & catering services	1,517.5	100.65	110.70	111.45	0.5	0.7	10.7	0.108	1.651
Food at home	1,087.7	99.01	110.54	111.65	0.6	1.0	12.8	0.113	1.384
Bread and cereals	178.1	100.06	110.27	110.49	1.1	0.2	10.4	0.004	0.187
Meat	242.5	102.11	117.64	118.69	0.1	0.9	16.2	0.024	0.405
Fish and other seafood	49.0	98.54	111.18	114.45	-1.2	2.9	16.2	0.015	0.079
Milk, cheese and eggs	135.3	101.62	114.94	115.70	0.1	0.7	13.9	0.010	0.192
Oils and fats	32.2	104.06	122.83	125.16	2.3	1.9	20.3	0.007	0.068
Fruit	97.6	94.77	107.30	106.09	2.9	-1.1	11.9	-0.011	0.111
Potatoes and other tubers	18.2	80.54	89.34	96.20	4.0	7.7	19.4	0.012	0.029
Vegetables	89.1	85.81	90.54	93.51	-2.6	3.3	9.0	0.025	0.069
Sugar, jam, honey and other confectionery	42.0	101.65	110.73	110.98	0.6	0.2	9.2	0.001	0.039
Food products n.e.c.	80.1	100.33	107.56	108.25	0.5	0.6	7.9	0.005	0.064
Non-alcoholic beverages	123.6	101.29	110.72	112.58	1.3	1.7	11.1	0.022	0.026
Food away from home	429.8	104.79	111.10	110.97	0.4	-0.1	5.9	-0.005	0.267
Other goods and services	8,482.5	99.06	105.40	105.38	-0.4	0.0	6.4	-0.017	5.390
Other goods	4,735.8	97.24	108.13	107.44	-0.4	-0.6	10.5	-0.311	4.863
Other services	3,746.7	101.37	101.94	102.77	-0.3	0.8	1.4	0.293	0.528
CPI	10,000.0	99.31	106.20	106.30	-0.2	0.1	7.0	0.090	7.041

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

"Non-alcoholic beverages" (1.7%).

The only decrease was registered in the index of "Fruit" (-1.1%).

Over the last twelve (12) months, the "Food & catering services" has increased by 10.7%. The "Food at home" index showed an increase of 12.8%, where all of the "Food at home" indices increased over the last year. The "Oils and fats" index increased by 20.3%, the largest increase among the "Food at home" food groups. Furthermore, other

significant increases were (16.2%), "Fish and other seafood" (16.2%), "Milk, cheese and eggs" (13.9%) and "Fruit" (11.9%). □

Table 8 Effect on the CPI of October 2022 of Food at home and Food away from home

Category	Weight	Monthly change	Effect
Food at home	1,087.7	1.0	0.11
Food away from home	429.8	-0.1	-0.01
Total group	1,517.5	0.7	0.11
Remaining goods and services	8,482.5	-0.02	-0.02
CPI	10,000.0	0.1	0.09

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

Table 5 Prices of crude oil, utilities, gasoline and diesel, 2021 - 2022

Month	2021			2022		
	Crude oil	Total energy charge	Crude oil	Total energy charge	Crude oil	Total energy charge
January	51.23	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	185.90
March	59.10	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	196.30
March	62.62	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	208.78
April	61.52	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	221.60
May	65.17	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	174.60
June	70.97	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	183.00
July	72.61	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	230.70
August	67.62	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	235.70
September	70.50	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	233.60
October	80.49	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	234.20
November	80.13	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	246.40
December	71.41	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	239.00
Yearly Average	67.78	31.09	31.99	240.09	137.05	223.34
					97.98	181.95
					33.32	108.29
					34.29	256.43
					256.43	146.46
					256.43	279.03
						261.22

Source: Central Bureau of Statistics Aruba

¹ Average West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude oil price per barrel in US\$ (Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration)

² Total energy charge in Afl. cents per kWh

³ Electricity price in Afl. is based on an average household usage of 725.5 kWh

⁴ Water price in Afl. is based on an average household usage in m³

⁵ Gasoline and diesel prices in Afl. cents per liter

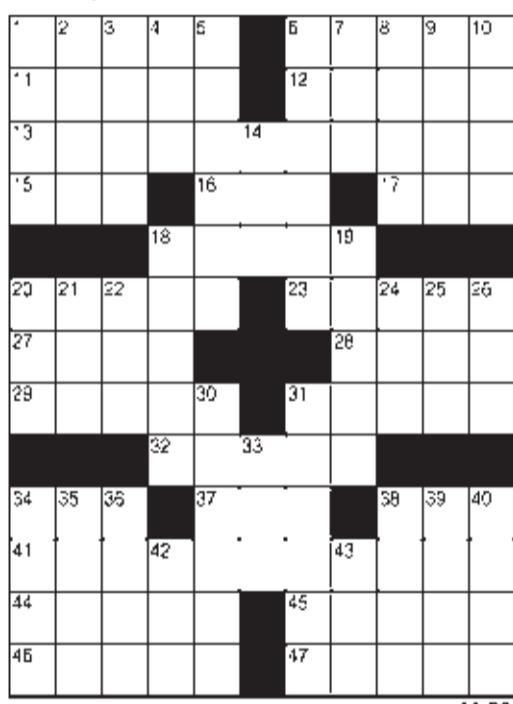
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Liz Weston: How to take a career break

By LIZ WESTON of Nerd

Wallet

Back in 2016, Jamie Clark of Seattle was a software engineer who planned to take a year off of work to finish a master's degree in computational linguistics. One year turned into three and a career change into financial planning.

Nowadays, Clark, who uses they/them pronouns, believes the experience makes them a better advisor particularly since their career break didn't turn out as originally planned.

"Part of our job as financial planners is to help people be prepared," says Clark, now a certified financial planner who recently launched their own firm, Ruby Pebble Financial Planning. "And I want to help people build that flexibility."

Career breaks are extended and usually unpaid stretches of time off work. Such breaks can be aspirational giving you time to travel, pursue a degree, change careers or launch a business. Or, they can be prompted by life events, such as caring for a child, nursing a family member or dealing with an illness or burnout.

Whatever the cause, some planning can help you make the most of your break.

SAVE AND BUDGET DILIGENTLY

CFP Henry Hoang of Irvine, California, doesn't believe most people need detailed budgets, as long as they're saving adequately for their goals. But career breaks are an exception, he says. When your paychecks stop, you'll want to have enough savings

This undated file photo provided by NerdWallet shows Liz Weston, a columnist for personal finance website NerdWallet.com.

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to sustain you. That starts with knowing precisely what you're spending today and estimating what your expenses will be during your break. Some costs might decline, such as commuting or child care. But you also might have new costs, including higher health insurance premiums if your current coverage is employer-subsidized.

Once you calculate how much you need to save, consider adding a fudge factor equal to two or three months' worth of expenses in case it takes longer than expected to land your next job, Hoang suggests. One of Hoang's friends didn't do that, and wound up raiding his 401(k) to pay the bills.

And speaking of retirement: Extended breaks could mean you'll need to work past normal retirement age or increase your savings rate significantly to retire on time. If you're planning to take more than two years off, use a retirement calculator or consult a financial planner to see

how that might affect your plans to retire, Hoang says. Clark saved enough from a high-paying job to cover living expenses for two years, and was able to stretch that to three years after getting married. Their spouse paid the bills as Clark used remaining savings to pay tuition and other costs to get their financial planning credential.

Clark says that careful tracking of expenses and thoughtful budgeting not only helped make their savings last, but it also alleviated some of the stress of Clark being without a paycheck.

"There are always surprises, but it's good to try and minimize them, or at least minimize impact on your finances," Clark says.

MAKE A PLAN FOR YOUR TIME

You may feel you need a break from strict schedules, but having no plan means you could waste this precious time you prepared and saved for.

Hoang has another cautionary tale from a client who started his break with a strong desire to change careers and spend more time with his young children. His days quickly filled up with parenting duties, and he never made time to explore other jobs, Hoang says. When his savings ran out, he ended up going back into his same field. □

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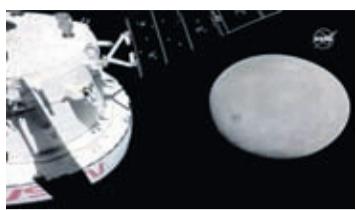
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This handout from NASA TV shows NASA's Orion spacecraft approaching the moon on Monday, Nov. 21, 2022.

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NASA capsule buzzes moon, last big step before lunar orbit

By MARCIA DUNN

AP Aerospace Writer

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — NASA's Orion capsule reached the moon Monday, whipping around the far side and buzzing the lunar surface on its way to a record-breaking orbit with test dummies sitting in for astronauts.

It's the first time a capsule has visited the moon since NASA's Apollo program 50 years ago, and represents a huge milestone in the \$4.1 billion test flight that began last Wednesday.

The close approach of 81 miles (130 kilometers) occurred as the crew capsule and its three wired-up dummies were on the far side of the moon. Because of a half-hour communication blackout, flight controllers in Houston did not know if the critical engine firing went well until the capsule emerged from behind the moon, 232,000 miles (370,000 kilometers) from Earth.

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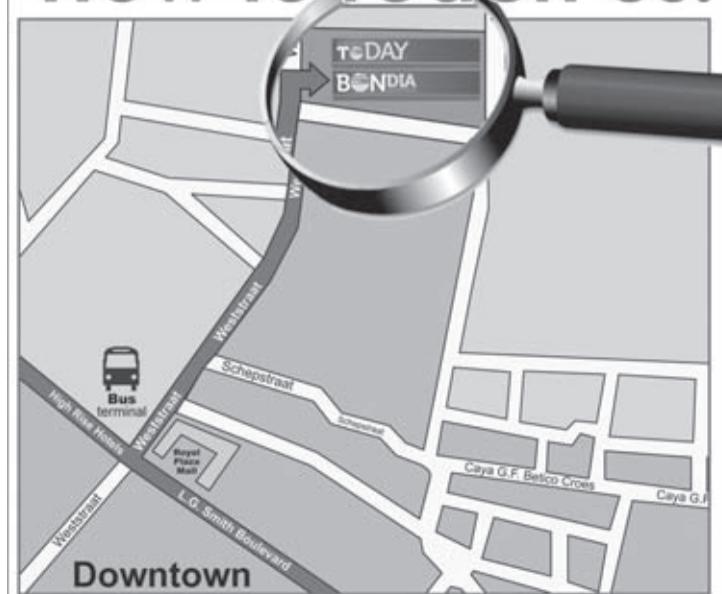
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'Devotion' is a quiet tale of allyship amid heroics

By MARK KENNEDY

AP Entertainment Writer

There must be something about actor Glen Powell that casting directors associate with the heavens. He's played astronaut John Glenn in "Hidden Figures," voiced a NASA official in the animated film "Apollo 10 1/2" and has two roles this year as a hotshot Navy aviator.

Here he is in "Devotion," kicking off the movie with an entrance that's pure cocksure, smirking golden boy, a replay of his earlier role as Jake "Hangman" Seresin in "Top Gun: Maverick."

But this time the year is 1950, and Powell's swaggering Lt. Tom Hudner is not the hero. The real star of "Devotion" is Ensign Jesse Brown, the first African American to complete Navy flight training. He's played superbly and deeply by Jonathan Majors. So why is Powell so front and center?

The film is perhaps not what you were expecting. It is not an action thrill ride, a "Top Gun" set in Korea. There is no "Highway to the Danger Zone." It is, rather, a quiet portrait of an airman over the course of a year, and, to be honest, it's really not so much about him as about the notion of allyship. Based on the book by the same name by Adam Makos, "Devotion" is assuredly directed by J.D. Dillard,



This image released by Sony Pictures shows Jonathan Majors, left, and Glen Powell in a scene from "Devotion."

who skillfully mixes shots in tight quarters with excellent aerial combat sequences. The script by Jake Crane and Jonathan A. H. Stewart is a slow-burning affair that will have audiences tugging at the leash. It's not a typical biopic with lots of flashbacks. In fact, there are none. We meet a gruff Brown after he has endured all manner of racism hazed, bullied and forced to repeat Navy tests multiple times. His commanding officer refused to pin his lapel wings at graduation. Such experiences he reveals in off-hand comments. He has written ev-

ery slur and demeaning putdown he has been told and repeats them in a mirror for motivation.

Once Brown returns nightly to his wife and baby daughter, the grimness dissolves. In the domestic sphere, he is a dotting father and loving husband. The bond he shares with wife, Daisy (better than wonderful Christina Jackson), is the rock hard earth that allows him to soar. "Play nice," his wife tells him.

The rest of the cast includes a nifty but small part for Joe Jonas, showing lots of charismatic promise, and Thomas Sadoski as the aviator's

commanding officer. He plays it like a cool assistant professor at night school who is likely to turn his seat backward during a lecture to "rap with the kids."

A tentative friendship blooms between Brown and Hudner, who sees in the Black airman a striving pilot and an admirable man. Both long for combat, having learned to fly in the years after World War II just as the Korean conflict is heating up. They both learn to wrestle with the Vought F4U-4 Corsair, a temperamental fighter aircraft.

Hudner's fondness for Brown has a conde-

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scending flavor, though he wouldn't admit it. The white pilot is always ready to jump to his Black friend's defense, be it a stare-down with intolerant U.S. soldiers or fussy French waiters. He's the first to throw a punch, even when Brown wasn't looking for violence. "I can fight my own fights. Been doing it for a long time," Brown tells his wingman.

And that's when the film gets interesting (although things get a little surreal when their carrier docks in Cannes and the aviators somehow meet up with Elizabeth Taylor.) This lesson of how to be an ally for diversity comes into sharper focus as the film progresses.

It is Hudner who needs to evolve his thinking. It is why Hudner is so prominent in a film about a Black pioneer. When a group of Black sailors who have come out on deck to cheer Brown land his plane on the carrier approach him with a Rolex gift to say how proud he makes them, one says: "We see you."

But Hudner also needs to see him. Not through white savior lenses but as a man. "It was never your job to save Jesse," Brown's wife tells him.

But, ultimately, this is a weird way to honor a man who would posthumously receive the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. □

Chaka Khan tells stories through Apple's Time to Walk series



Recording artist Chaka Khan attends the Angel Ball benefiting Gabrielle's Angel Foundation for Cancer Research in New York on Oct. 24, 2022.

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By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.

AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Chaka Khan wants people to walk with her while she tells inspirational stories.

Apple announced Monday that the 10-time Grammy winner will take part in an audio experience called Time to Walk, a series designed to help people walk more often.

In the 32-minute episode, Khan reflects on her upbringing in Chicago, how she found her better self in Europe, learning the music business and the impor-

tance of friendships during a walk through her neighborhood in Santa Monica, California.

The episode features songs including Khan's "Woman Like Me," Joni Mitchell's "California" and Miles Davis' "Tomaas."

"Don't take everything so fricking seriously because it's not," Khan said during her episode. The singer is known for her array of hits including "I'm Every Woman," "Ain't Nobody" and "Through the Fire."

"Life is just living," she continued. "And when some-

thing happens to you, that is just life happening to you. So keep moving. And get stronger. It will strengthen you."

Khan is among the nearly 70 high-profile guests who have shared their stories through photos and music with Fitness+ users. The series can be heard on iPhone and Apple Watch. Other episodes have featured Meghan Trainor, Constance Wu, Hannah Waddingham, Malala Yousafzai, Sugar Ray Leonard, Hasan Minhaj and Naomi Campbell. □

Beltrán, Lackey lead 14 newcomers on Baseball Hall ballot

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Beltrán, John Lackey and Jered Weaver are among 14 newcomers on the Baseball Writers' Association of America's Hall of Fame ballot in what could turn into an evaluation of the Houston Astros' cheating scandal.

R.A. Dickey, Huston Street, Francisco Rodríguez, Bronson Arroyo and Matt Cain also are new to the ballot, joined by Jacoby Ellsbury, Jayson Werth, Mike Napoli, J.J. Hardy, Jhonny Peralta and Andre Ethier, the Hall and the BBWAA said Monday.

Holdovers include Scott Rolen, Todd Helton and Billy Wagner.

Rolen received 249 of 394 votes last year (63.2%), when David Ortiz was elected with 307 votes (77.9%), 11 more than the 75% needed.

Helton was on 205 ballots (52%) and Wagner 201 (51%).

Voters denied several stars tainted by steroids and scandal.

Barry Bonds (260 votes, 66%), Roger Clemens (257, 65.2%) and Curt Schilling (231, 58.6%) were dropped after their 10th appearances on the ballot last year



New York Mets new manager Carlos Beltrán smiles during an introductory baseball news conference in New York, Nov. 4, 2019.

and are among eight players who will appear on the ballot of the Hall's contemporary baseball era committee, which meets Dec. 4 in San Diego ahead of baseball's winter meetings. Other holdovers on the BBWAA ballot include Andrew Jones (163 votes last year, 41.1%), Gary Sheffield (160, 40.6%), Alex Rodriguez (135, 34.3%), Jeff Kent (129, 32.7%), Manny Ramirez (114, 28.9%), Omar Vizquel (94, 23.9%), Andy Pettitte (42, 10.7%), Jimmy Rollins (37, 9.4%), Bobby Abreu (34, 8.6%), Mark Buehrle (23, 5.8%) and Torii Hunter (21, 5.3%).

Kent, who received his

highest percentage last year, will appear on the BBWAA ballot for the 10th and final time.

BBWAA members with 10 or more consecutive years of membership are eligible to vote. Ballots must be postmarked by Dec. 31 and results will be announced Jan. 24.

Any players elected will be inducted into the Hall at Cooperstown on July 23 along with anyone elected by the contemporary baseball era committee.

A nine-time All-Star, Beltrán had a .279 batting average, 435 home runs, 1,587 RBIs and 312 stolen bases for Kansas City, Houston,

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the New York Mets, San Francisco, St. Louis, the Yankees and Texas.

He was hired as Mets manager on Nov. 1, 2019, then was fired on Jan. 16 without having managed a game, three days after he was the only Astros player mentioned by name in a report by Major League Baseball regarding the team's illicit use of electronics to steal signs during Houston's run to the 2017 World Series.

Alex Rodriguez, a three-time MVP and 14-time All-Star who hit 696 home runs, was suspended for the 2014 season for violating MLB's drug policy and collective bargaining agreement, and Ortiz's name was alleged to have appeared on a list of players who tested positive during 2003 survey testing.

Lackey won Game 7 of the 2002 World Series for the Anaheim Angels as a rookie, then added World Series titles with the 2013 Boston Red Sox and the 2016 Chicago Cubs.

He was 188-147 with a 3.92 ERA in 15 seasons and 8-6 with a 3.44 ERA in the post-season.

Weaver, a three-time All-Star, was 150-98 with a 3.63 ERA. □

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Netherlands strikes late to beat Senegal 2-0 at World Cup

By GERALD IMRAY
AP Sports Writer

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Louis van Gaal's gambles at both ends of the field paid off for the Netherlands.

Up front, Memphis Depay returned from injury as a second-half substitute to help spark the Dutch attack into life as the Netherlands scored two late goals to beat Senegal 2-0 Monday at the World Cup. At the back, Netherlands goalkeeper Andries Nopert pulled off three key saves to keep the African champions at bay after Van Gaal decided to give him his international debut in a World Cup game.

Cody Gakpo and substitute Davy Klaassen provided the late goals to ensure the Dutch team's winning

start at its first World Cup appearance since 2014.

Gakpo rose to glance a header in from a cross by Frenkie de Jong in the 84th minute with the team's first effort on target.

Klaasen added a second right at the end of eight minutes of stoppage time by slotting in after Senegal goalkeeper Edouard Mendy only weakly blocked a shot from Depay. The orange-shirted Dutch fans had been subdued until the late strikes as the Senegalese drums and chants were the dominant sound from the stands for much of the game. But Senegal's main problem was predictable: Without injured forward Sadio Mane, it couldn't convert any of its chances.

Depay, who has only just recovered from a hamstring injury, was put on by Van Gaal with about 30 minutes to go after the veteran coach said the day before that he wasn't sure if the Barcelona forward was ready for action. He decided to see if he was and Depay responded by playing parts in both goals.

First, he linked up with De Jong near the edge of the area before the midfielder crossed to Gakpo for the first goal. Depay's run and shot deep in injury time led to the second goal and sealed a Dutch victory.

The best of Nopert's three strong saves came when he dived low to deny Senegal substitute Pape Guèye when it was 1-0.

The long injury time it stretched out to nearly nine minutes was partly because of a serious-looking injury to Senegal central midfielder Cheikhou Kouyate, who left on a

stretcher clutching his right thigh.

Senegal coach Aliou Cisse looked on stony-faced in the first game since his best player was ruled out of the tournament. □



Davy Klaassen of the Netherlands scores his side second goal during the World Cup, group A soccer match between Senegal and Netherlands at the Al Thumama Stadium in Doha, Qatar, Monday, Nov. 21, 2022.

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Analysis: How 'bout them Cowboys! Dallas is most impressive



Dallas Cowboys running back Ezekiel Elliott celebrates with teammate quarterback Dak Prescott (4) after scoring on a 1-yard touchdown run during the second half of an NFL football game, Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, in Minneapolis.

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By ROB MAADDI

AP Pro Football Writer

Dak Prescott was nearly perfect in directing a balanced, dynamic offense. Micah Parsons again wreaked havoc in leading a dominant defense.

Behind Prescott and Parsons, Dallas dismantled Minnesota and put the rest of the NFL on notice with a convincing 40-3 victory on the road Sunday against a team that had won seven straight games.

How 'bout them Cowboys! No team owns a more impressive win this season.

"This is exactly what I expected," Cowboys safety Jayron Kearse said. "We knew we were going to come in here and knock them down. We showed them who the tougher team is, and it is us. That is the type of football that we can play week in and week out if we continue to stay together and do our job." The Cowboys (7-3) are unlikely to win the NFC East. They trail the Philadelphia Eagles (9-1) by two games and already lost to them. But they proved why they'll be a dangerous team that nobody will want to face in January following the biggest road win in team history. "This team has got the work ethic. It's got the attitude. They've got a hard mindset, which you have to have," coach Mike McCarthy said.

The Cowboys have averaged 28.8 points per game in Prescott's five starts. Tony Pollard and Ezekiel Elliott, who scored two touchdowns apiece against the Vikings (8-2), provide a strong 1-2 running attack. They may end up adding Odell Beckham Jr. to join CeeDee Lamb, giving Prescott another weapon.

"Right now the challenge is handling success," Prescott said. "Having a game like this in the NFL is tough to do. To be able to do that, we've got to put this behind us and know that we've got to go out there we're as good as our last game. We've got to turn the page and go put another one together on Thursday."

The Cowboys host the Gi-

ants (7-3) on Thanksgiving in a fight for second place in the division.

For now, the Buffalo Bills are the best second-place team in the NFL. They rebounded nicely from a mistake-filled, overtime loss at home to the Vikings with a 31-23 victory over Cleveland. Despite a chaotic week that saw them forced to play a "home" game in Detroit because a storm dumped several feet of snow in western New York, the Bills (7-3) got back on track against the Browns.

Josh Allen didn't turn the ball over after a rough three-week stretch and the offense scored on all five possessions in the second half. "We still don't feel like we played very well, but it goes to show you we played smart football and put up 31 points and didn't play to our standard," Allen said. The Bills may eventually surpass Miami (7-3) in the AFC East. The Dolphins won the first matchup and the teams meet in Buffalo on Dec. 18. Like Dallas, the Bills also play Thursday, when they face the Lions (4-6).

The Cincinnati Bengals are another second-place team finding its groove. The reigning AFC champions beat Pittsburgh 37-30 for their fourth win in five games. Even without Ja'Marr Chase, the Bengals (6-4) are rolling on offense. Joe Burrow led the way with four TD passes and running back Samaje Perine set a franchise record with three TD catches. The Bengals are one game behind the Baltimore Ravens (7-3) in the AFC North. The Ravens won in Cincinnati in October and the division could be on the line when the teams meet in Baltimore in Week 18.

"I think we're playing as good as anybody," Burrow said. "We're hitting our stride offensively. Still left some points out there. There's always room to improve, obviously."

In a season filled with close games and comeback wins, the last team standing may be one that doesn't finish the regular season in first place. □